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DEPT PLEASE PASS HELFRICH, ERDA

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: TECH, GR
SUBJECT: URANIUM ENRICHMENT SERVICES CONTRACT WITH PUBLIC
POWER CORPORATION OF GREECE (PPC)

REF: A) STATE 234654; B) ATHENS 8917; C) STATE 230376;
D) ATHENS 8554; E) STATE 234801

1. CHARGE WAS TOLD BY MINISTER OF COORDINATION PAPALIGOURAS
IN MEETING OCTOBER 1 THAT GREECE WAS OBLIGED TO TERMINATE
SUBJECT CONTRACT BY NOT SIGNING EXTENSION OFFERED PER REFTEL A.
PAPALIGOURAS ALSO SAID GOG WOULD IN ALL LIKELIHOOD REQUEST
NEGOTIATIONS FOR A NEW CONTRACT IN 1978.
2. PAPALIGOURAS EXPLAINED THAT DECISION TO LET CONTRACT LAPSE
WAS MADE AT HIGHEST LEVELS OF GREEK GOVERNMENT AND WAS BASED ON
POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS. WITH NATIONAL ELECTIONS SCHEDULED
FOR NOVEMBER 20, CARAMANLIS GOVERNMENT MAY BE CONCERNED THAT,
EVEN WITH 90-DAY EXTENSION, FINAL DECISION CONCERNING ACCEPTANCE
OF MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT AND RESULTING LIABILITY FOR FIRST
PAYMENT WOULD COME AT POLITICALLY INOPPORTUNE TIME.

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3. PAPALIGOURAS HAD REQUESTED SIX-MONTH EXTENSION LATE
EVENING SEPTEMBER 30 IN ORDER TO AVOID POLITICAL PROBLEM
CITED ABOVE. EMBASSY PASSED ON THIS REQUEST IN TELCON
WITH ERDA (HELFRICH) BUT REQUEST WAS DENIED.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT GOG DECISION
WILL HAVE ANY NEGATIVE IMPACT ON US ECONOMIC RELATIONS OR

ON PPC-ERDA COOPERATION. GOG SEEMS TO BE STILL VERY MUCH
INTERESTED IN US URANIUM ENRICHMENT SERVICES FOR THE PLANNED
NUCLEAR POWER PLANT (TO BE OPERATIONAL IN 1986) AND WILL
PROBABLY REQUEST NEW CONTRACT AT LATER DATE.
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